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SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Dear Sir:

Pursuant to the obligation under 37 C.F.R. 1.56 and in conformance with 37 C.F.R. 1.97-1.99, Applicant hereby submits references B1 – B3 listed on the attached form PTO-1449. Also enclosed is a copy of the European Search Report issued on September 25, 2002 for the corresponding European Patent Application No. 02015939.8 of the above-identified application. Applicant(s) attorney hereby state(s) that each item of information contained in the information disclosure statement was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this information disclosure statement.

The filing of this Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement does not constitute an admission that the information cited herein is, or is considered to be, material to patentability as defined in 37 C.F.R. Section 1.56(b). Further, Applicant reserves the right to contest these references as prior art against the present application, and Applicant does not believe that the disclosure of these references, even if finally determined to be prior art, anticipates Applicant's invention or that these references make Applicant's invention obvious.

No fees are believed to be due in connection with filing of this Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement, however, should any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 to 1.21 be deemed necessary for any reason relating to this material, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to deduct said fees from Brinks Hofer Gilson & Lione Deposit Account No. 23-1925.

Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner review the entire disclosure of these documents and make them of record.

Respectfully submitted,

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